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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: CVIS, SHUM, US, AR  
SUBJECT: STATUS OF FOUR ARGENTINE SEMINARIANS WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED  
WITH AMCIT FATHER JAMES WEEKS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6912.

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH FOUR YOUNG ARGENTINE SEMINARIANS AND FATHER JOHN PAUL BRADFORD, THE AMERICAN PRIEST WHO IS ESCORTING THEM TO THE U. S. THIS EVENING OCTOBER 26. THEY ARE PROCEEDING TO HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

2. THE FOUR SAID THAT DURING THEIR DETENTION IN CORDOBA THEY WERE NOT RPT NOT TORTURED OR OTHERWISE MALTREATED. DURING INTERROGATION THEY WERE THREATENED, HOWEVER, AND EXPERIENCE WAS NOT PLEASANT. ONE OF FOUR, WHO WAS RELEASED A FEW DAYS AHEAD OF THE OTHERS, SAID THAT POLICE APOLOGIZED TO HIM FOR DETENTION, SAYING THAT ALL PROBLEMS HAD BEEN CLEARED UP BY INVESTIGATION. THEY HAD NO DIFFICULTY OBTAINING PASSPORTS. SEMINARIANS BELIEVED THAT THEIR RELEASE MAY HAVE BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE AUTHORITIES WERE CHECKING THEIR POSSIBLE LINKS WITH FIFTEH SEMINARIAN, A CHILEAN STILL DETAINED, WHO HAS APPARENT CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HIM. THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST EXTRADITION OF THE CHILEAN ON CRIMINAL CHARGES (CATHOLIC CHURCH IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO DEFEND OR ASSIST THE CHILEAN SEMINARIAN).

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3. FATHER BRADFORD AND THE YOUNG SEMINARIANS ARE AWARE THAT  
PRESS MAY TRY TO INTERVIEW THEM UPON ARRIVAL IN U. S. THEY  
WISH TO AVOID THIS, AND PLAN TO SAY NOTHING IF CONTACTED BY  
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